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President's Page

William O. Wisslead, CSNA 14-3

Long Beach was the site of the 6th Annual Symposium of the California State Numismatic Association, held on March 30 of this year. The bus transporting the San Diego group arrived on schedule and soon thereafter the activities were called to order. Preparations for this event had been in the making for several months, ably led by James R. Ray, the General Chairman. The Long Beach Coin Club was host to the event. Maurice M. Gould, the moderator, had lined up four outstanding numismatic speakers. Bryan Burke of San Bernardino selected "The San Francisco Mint" as his subject. Bryan was a natural for this topic, being our Curator, and the one who organized the displaying of our Californiana collection in the recently dedicated numismatic museum in the old Mint at 5th and Mission. Arthur M. Fitts III, the Assistant to the Executive Director of the American Numismatic Association, with headquarters located in Colorado Springs, spoke on the subject "1066 — The Year of Three Kings." You history buffs know what an interesting numismatic area of collecting that is. Valentine Pasvolsky of Lakewood, New Jersey, spoke about "Indian Wars and Peace Medals." This covers a lot of territory, both geographically and numismatically, but time ran out before Val could tell all he wanted to from his vast knowledge of the subject. "Fifty Years Along Coin Buy-ways" was interestingly presented by Charles L. Ruby of Fullerton. He related the collecting experiences he had gathered in that many years, culminating with the recent sale of his voluminous collection.

We owe many thanks to Gordon Z. Greene for the many top exhibits which he arranged to have on display during the day, to Maurice M. Gould for obtaining the speakers, and to James R. Ray for his part in arranging for CSNA use of the Walter H. Boyd School Auditorium in Long Beach. At the CSNA Executive Board meeting, held in Sacramento on April 19, the decision was made to hold the 7th Annual Symposium in San Diego. The information will be forthcoming later in the year as to the date and the site to be chosen there.

Recently, the California State Numismatic Association made another great stride forward in the educational field. A huge inventory of numismatic books and periodicals was purchased that greatly increase the size of the CSNA library. Following the purchase of these

books was the task of outlining an inventory list, which was then sent to the CSNA librarian, Dorothy Beaulieu, so she could select from this list the titles of books not already in our library. These books have now been separated from the ones not needed in the library, and they are soon to be delivered to their new home. Dorothy plans to include them in a new issue of the Library Catalog. This information will make available to the CSNA members the titles of the many new additions to the library. Books and periodicals not selected for the library will, in due course of time, be made available for purchase by members through a system to be decided upon in the near future. The CSNA is dedicated to the knowledge of numismatics and to helping the members by making this knowledge available to them. We are working steadily and progress continues to be made.

The 54th Semi-Annual Convention held in Sacramento on April 19, 20 and 21 was a huge success. We owe many thanks to Ace Reiswig, the General Chairman, and to his hard working crew from the Sacramento Valley Coin Club, the sponsoring organization. Much appreciation goes to the CSNA officers, board members and the special committees in the efficient manner in which they all carried out their duties. Space does not permit me to single out each one for their outstanding contribution to the overall success of the California State Numismatic Association. From looking back on the 54th, we will now look forward to the 55th in San Diego, this coming November 1, 2 and 3. Further information will be noted in Calcoin News.

The California Numismatic Educational Seminar will hold its 3rd annual meeting on September 13, 14 and 15, 1974 at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, located on the Campus of the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. This three day session, of which CSNA is one of four sponsoring groups, is designed to provide education in the detection of counterfeit coins. Anyone interested in attending this class, or a one day class in coin grading, please contact me for further information at my address found in the masthead of this issue.

This President's Message is my means of communicating with you, the members of CSNA. The end of the page always comes too soon, so will look forward to seeing you at the 55th in San Diego.



Editorially

Remember when nobody locked their door and everybody trusted everyone else? Those were the days! But perhaps you have never lived in a small village with a population of less than 1,000 where nobody would think of locking a door. Life is serene, happy and ulcers are virtually unknown.

I recently spent two weeks in a small town in Nebraska and life is still calm, cool and collected there. People still leave their houses unlocked. Everyone knows everyone else and a stranger in town is soon known by one and all. It's a pleasant feeling and renews your faith in the goodness of people. If we could only convey this feeling to our larger communities. Then perhaps we wouldn't be plagued with the constant threat to our personal property.

One of our CSNA past presidents has just suffered a tremendous loss, which in turn triggered a heart attack. Material possessions seem to be so important to some unscrupulous individuals that they will stop at nothing. My compassion goes forth to Dan Harley over his misfortune and that someone was so foolish as to steal from an honest man.

To scheme, to lie, to cheat, to steal . . . this seems to be a part of the American way of life these days. But . . . if we harken back to the days of our parents and grandparents and their philosophies we would be better individuals and have a better nation. Then our numismatic hobby would not be constantly plagued with so many scoundrels.

PUBLISHER'S

"TWO CENTS" WORTH

Perhaps there is a good lesson contained in the words of the 18th century poet, Count Alfieri, who said: "Society prepares the crime: the criminal commits it." Numismatically, we accumulate desirable material, which becomes a temptation for the unscrupulous to steal from us, and we must be vigilant against allowing this to happen.

Alfieri added some consoling words for us, and a warning to thieves: "Heaven will permit no man to secure happiness by crime!" Here's hoping more and more people heed this truth. Let's help by keeping the honest people honest, and the thieves away from our collections, through the best possible security precautions. Let's avoid setting the scene for a crime.

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A BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PNC

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The early history of the British Virgin Islands is shrouded in darkness. There is brief mention of the fact that these islands were first settled in 1648 by Dutch buccaneers who made them a base from which they carried on their piratical raids upon merchant shipping. According to one version of the islands' history, the early settlers realized the necessity for a lawful government, and considering Britain as ruler of the high seas, asked to be put under her flag. It seems certain that Great Britain laid claim to the islands as early as 1666 and has owned them without interruption ever since.

The non-resident ruler is, by virtue of the settlement dating back to 1666, her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. But the mother country doesn't seem to rank these islands among her most prized possessions, as the home office records once listed them as "the least important place in the Empire!" On one of the several occasions when Parliament was considering an appropriation for the British Virgins, a member inquired as to their precise whereabouts. Winston Churchill reportedly replied that he really didn't know either, but presumably they must lie as far as possible from the Isle of Man. The islands appear to have existed without any definite administrative organization until 1773 when a court of justice was created with a civil governor.

The total area of the British Virgin Islands is about 59 square miles and they consist of more than 60 British Virgins and uncounted small islets, rocks and cays. About 16 of the islands are inhabited, but of the total population of about 10,500, which is 99% black, four-fifths live on the main island of Tortola, and four-fifths of that four-fifths live in or near the capital, the only good-sized community called Road Town.

Geographically, the British Virgin Islands are virtually identical to the American Virgin Islands, with only one mile separating the two groups at their nearest point. The continuous arc of the Caribbean Islands swinging from Puerto Rico south to South America indicates the barrier only by an arbitrary, invisible line ending the American Virgins at St. John, and beginning the British Virgin group within an area some 20 miles long by 4 miles wide, going north and east. The populations of the two groups also have much in common insofar as origins and history go.

The Islands' name honors St. Ursula. As Columbus sailed northward from Santa Cruz, he saw a multitude of peaks lifting over the horizon. They were so numerous that he was reminded of the legend of St. Ursula and her 11,000 virgins. A popular version holds that Ursula was a British princess who besought her father to allow her to go on a cruise before marrying a pagan king. So many other maidens asked to be included that 11 ships were needed to transport them. After three years of wandering, they arrived in Cologne (a city in West Germany), just as it was being sacked by the Huns. Ursula and her companions were slain, but their memory lives on in the paradise Columbus named LAS VIRGENES in their honor. And to establish this theory, the postal authorities have at times adorned their stamps with a portrait of St. Ursula.

On 30 June 1973, in honor of the 200th anniversary of constitutional government with representation, the Legislative Council of the British Virgin Islands issued its first official coinage. The exotic birds of the Islands were selected as the subject for these historic coins, and the Franklin Mint of Franklin Center, Pennsylvania, was appointed to mint these coins. It is the first time a complete set of

coinage has been designed containing birds on each coin — in this case, the beautiful tropical birds that inhabit the British Virgin Islands. Gilroy Roberts, the eminent medallist sculptor, designed the set. To provide designs that are authentic, Mr. Roberts traveled extensively in the British Virgin Islands to study and sketch the birds in their natural surroundings.

To celebrate the minting of the British Virgin Islands' first official coinage, the Council issued a set of six stamps commemorating the coins — the first time in history any government in the world has issued a set of special postage stamps to commemorate its first coinage. The stamps feature illustrations of the coins and depict island scenes as background. Each stamp is also the same denomination as the coin it commemorates.

The one dollar coin is solid sterling silver and the one cent is bronze. The others are cupro-nickel. Since the British Virgin Islands is a British Crown Colony, all of its currency must be approved by Queen Elizabeth II, and the obverse of each coin must bear the official portrait of Her Majesty. The queen gave the final approval of the designs for these beautiful British Virgin Island coins.

First-day covers, each containing a matched coin and stamp cachet, were cancelled and postmarked in the British Virgin Islands on 30 June 1973; forever establishing the first day of issue status of each coin and stamp.



SIZE: 39 mm

The cachet featuring the Sterling Silver One Dollar coin portrays the Magnificent Frigate Bird. The largest bird found in the British Virgin Islands, the Frigate Bird has a wing span of nearly seven feet and is easily identified by its distinctive raked wings and hooked beak. This cachet was postmarked on Tortola, the largest island and the location of the capital city, Road Town.

The origin of the name of the island of Tortola, meaning "Turtle Dove," is unknown. It seems more than likely that the early Spanish discoverers gave it that name but it is difficult to understand how it survived from 1493, when the island was first seen, until 1666. Tortola is extremely mountainous, the highest elevation, Sage Mountain, dominating all the surrounding land has an altitude of 1,780 feet.

Tortola produced at least one outstanding citizen, William Thornton, one of the early abolitionists. Returning to Tortola from a trip to the States at age 29, with his 15-year old bride, Thornton wrote "Cadmus, or a Treatise on the Elements of Written Language," which won him a gold medal from the American Philological Society. In 1792, Thornton got wind of an advertisement by Thomas Jefferson asking for entries in a competition to design a Capital building for the new republic. By the time the news reached Thornton in Tortola, the competition had closed, but none of the fourteen entries turned in had pleased the judges. As it happened, Thornton had sent his entry anyway.

It so impressed George Washington that he urged the committee to reopen the contest. Thornton won, and in addition was given \$500.00 and a Washington city lot for his efforts. He became a close friend of George Washington, was one of three commissioners charged with building the capital city, and in 1802 he became the first U. S. Commissioner of Patents, a post he held until his death in 1828.

A sizeable number of Quakers settled in Tortola after the era of the buccaneers. According to one tale, the famed Penn Brothers tossed, and the loser took Pennsylvania, the winner Tortola. Their presence is still strongly felt, be it in the number of Penns and Pickerings on the island, or in the subdued dignified bearing of the inhabitants.

Anegada was the first settled of all the Virgin Islands, is the farthest north of all the Virgin Islands, and is among the most fascinating. Anegada means the "Drowned Island," and is so called because the surf pounding on its treacherous reefs rises so high that many parts of it are drowned by each high tide.

The Anegada coast has always been known as a most dangerous spot for ships. The island has a limestone formation over a core of vol-



SIZE: 32 mm

The subject of the cachet bearing the 50c piece is the Brown Pelican. Noted for its elastic-like pouch, this comical-looking bird is found all along the islands' coastlines. The cachet has the postmark of the coral island of Anegada.

canic origin. It is covered mostly with brushwood. The numerous large salt water lagoons are visited at certain seasons by thousands of beautiful flamingoes, which come here during the rainy season when their accustomed haunts on the Orinoco River in South America are flooded and they must go elsewhere in search of food.

Anegada island has been famous or infamous throughout the centuries as a death trap to unwary schooners. Pirates found it an ideal lookout spot from which to prey upon ships, and some settlers came specifically to live off the shipwrecks. If the wreck didn't happen automatically, there were those who did not hesitate to bring it about with falsely placed lights and other unscrupulous devices. The Anegadians still have a tendency to lay pilfering fingers on any unfortunate ship that goes aground there, but there is no actual violence. Numerous wrecks are still to be seen on the surrounding reefs.

There are said to be copper and silver ore deposits on the island, but none of these are worked. A quantity of buried pirate treasure is also supposed to exist here. Many snakes and a poisonous variety of wasp disturb the otherwise peaceful existence of the inhabitants.

Jost Van Dyke island, named after a Dutch pirate, is but a short distance from Tortola. It has a peak with an elevation of 1,070 feet, and is inhabited by some 350 settlers, who are even better boatmen and fishermen than the other inhabitants of the British Virgin Islands. So confident are the sailors of Jost Van Dyke in their ability to sail that they do not trouble to learn to

swim — a vanity which, according to one author, accounts for the large number of drownings thereabouts.



SIZE: 26 mm

The Mangrove Cuckoo is shown on the 25c coin and stamp. Noted for its distinctive song and flared tail feathers, the 12-inch high gray and brown bird is usually found in mangrove trees and shrubs along small streams. The cachet has the cancellation mark of Jost Van Dyke, the island renowned for its two fine beaches.

Jost Van Dyke is the birthplace of Dr. John Coakley Lettsom, "the most distinguished London physician of his day." Dr. Lettsom's talents extended to the interpretation of native dances and he is credited with probably one of the area's earliest and most long lived calypsos —

I, John Lettsom,
Blisters, bleeds, and sweats 'em;
If, after that, they please to die,
I, John Lettsom.

Dr. Lettsom was one of the founders of the Medical Society of London, and had the signal honor of being received by the King without court dress or sword.



The cachet containing the 10c coin bears the postmark of Peter Island and features the Ringed Kingfisher. This

migrating bird is readily recognizable for the distinctive white ring around its neck for which it is named. It is familiar to the people of both the United States and the British Virgin Islands.

At Peter Island, about an hour's distance from Road Town, lies probably the most perfect beach in the British Virgins, which is utterly deserted except for a handful of fishermen and their families, scattered in little huts at the water's edge. Nearby is their

cemetery where the graves are covered in shining pink shells to keep away the evil spirits.

Peter Islanders are gentle, friendly folk, not concerned with atom bombs, taxes, or the fact that the British Virgin Islands were the only English possessions in the Caribbean which refused to join the West Indian Federation.

Two Peter Island satellites, one large, one small, are Norman Island to the south, and Dead Man's Chest, a small dot off the north-east 'corner.' Dead Man's Chest, sometimes called Dead Chest, is a leading contender (there are others) for the honor of having been in Robert Louis Stevenson's mind when he wrote *Treasure Island* —

Fifteen men on the Dead Man's Chest —
Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!



Carrying the postmark of Virgin Gorda, the leading resort island, the cachet with the 5c coin depicts the majestic

Zenaida Dove. This bird's white-tipped wings and tail can be seen flashing across open fields as it searches for insects.

The Island of Virgin Gorda, or the "Fat Virgin," as it was called by the early Spanish discoverers, had never been able to lay claim to the slightest importance until recent years. The main part of the island is a rectangle, two and one-half miles long by one and three-fourths miles wide. The main body of the island has one high mountain, the Virgin Peak, with an elevation of 1,370 feet.

The island is interesting to tourists because of the "baths" which have been compared by travel writers to the Blue Grotto of Capri. Located at the tip of a snowy white beach, and adjoining property owned by Laurence Rockefeller, the "baths" as the Islanders call them, consist of three caves, washed by the sea and roofed with huge boulders piled crazily one on top of the other as if a giant hand had hurled them in anger. As swimming explorers cut through the crystal-green water over white sand dotted with pink and lavender anemone, dramatic shafts of sunlight shining through the gaps in the silvery rocks above illuminate brilliant little tropical fish. The water is not deep in any of

the three caves, and swimming from one to another is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.



Appropriately, the Green-Throated Carib and the Antillean Crested Hummingbird,

two of the Islands' tiniest birds, are portrayed on the smallest denomination cachet. As they flit among tropical flowers, these two birds delight the Islanders. The cachet containing the 1c coin has the postmark of Marina Cay, one of the smallest inhabited islands in the group.

Marina Cay is a tiny six acre satellite east of Tortola. Robb White wrote his best-selling book and movie, "Our Virgin Island," on Marina Cay; the little house he built and lived in on this little land dot serves as the colony's dining, drinking, and socializing headquarters. Because Marina Cay is a favorite charter-board port-of-call, dining areas and terraces are often crowded. This islet claims its fame because of a cottage colony of much charm, with beautiful beaches.

The people of the British Virgin Islands are gentle, kind, soft-spoken, about the sweetest folk in the whole Caribbean. Maybe the strong Quaker influence which prevailed here during the formative stages accounts for the serene disregard for materialism, the tranquil tone, the loyal friendship.

Their language is mostly English, but the imaginative unique expressions and the liberal sprinkling of African and locally coined words, sometimes make it difficult for foreigners to follow the native train of thought. "You say you is comin', man, but you don't reach," means "you're late." But that's English, man — Tortola style. Never under any circumstances imply that this is anything other than the King's English. This is the language of the country; the residents speak no other, and they are not interested in acquiring any other mode of speech.

The British Virgin Islands is the only territory under the Union Jack in which the Yankee dollar constitutes official legal tender. And they probably reaped a substantial quantity of those dollars with their outstanding PNC (Philatelic-Numismatic Combination) of a unique fully-coordinated set of first day cachets.

JOSE RIZAL

“THE FIRST CRY OF LIBERTY”

By Virginia M. Hall, CSNA 2394

Jose Protasio Rizal y Mercado Alonso (1861-1896), Doctor, Linguist, Novelist. He was the most gifted of the Filipino patriots and gave inspiration to Philippine nationalism. Throughout his career he sought to prove that Filipinos were the intellectual and moral equals of their Spanish masters.

The Tao, or common man, was helpless under the exploitations and cruelties of the hated Guardia Civil — Philippine representatives of the Spanish Crown. Rich land owners held the land and rented small portions to the Filipino in need of a farm. The poor Tao, owning nothing but his carabao, was employed to till the land. A sum of money was advanced toward his hire, out of which he had to build a shelter, purchase seed and farming tools. He was to live on the land, raise his family and repay the loan out of the rice he was able to produce. As a rule, he found the loan impossible to repay. The debt increased year after year and was handed down through one generation after another.

As always with restless people, protest began among those who had been given means with which to think. The rebellion against Spain was started by young men who had tasted the freedom of education, some of whom studied abroad in France, Germany or Spain. They returned with a new awareness of the way men lived in other lands. They told of progress made in other countries, they listed the wrongs and injustice of their own. Among their voices was that of the Philippines' greatest hero, JOSE RIZAL.

Born in Calamba, in Laguna Province, Central Luzon, The Philippines on June 19, 1861, Jose was the son of a middle-class landowner and the 7th of 11 children. He was of pure Malayan blood. Educated at a Jesuit College in Manila, he went to Spain in 1882 where he received a Doctorate of Medicine (1884), and a Doctorate of Philosophy (1885), both from the University of Madrid. He did post-graduate studies in France and Germany.

Rizal returned to the Philippines fired with indignation against a system that held his

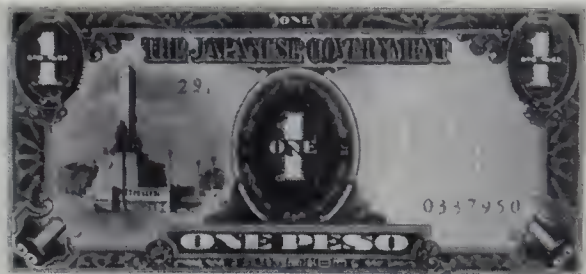
countrymen to the level of serfs. In July, 1892, he founded a Nationalist Reformist Society called “LIGA FILIPINA,” a young liberal group struggling to attain justice. This immediately aroused suspicions of the Spaniards.

Working for fundamental political and social reform, Rizal turned to writing — his books were like flames. His first novel, *NOLI ME TANGERE*, was published in Berlin in 1887. It exposed the evils of Spanish rule as well as the faults of his fellow-countrymen and the exploitation of Filipinos by Chinese traders. It also aroused a storm of accusations from the Friars and the authorities in the Philippines. While practicing medicine in Hong Kong, he wrote his second novel, *EL FILIBUSTERISMO*, which was published in 1889 and vividly pictured the evils of Spanish rule in the Philippines. His greatest book, *THE REIGN OF GREED*, bared the vicious system of imperialism and the resulting injustices. It gave impetus to the revolution, but it subsequently brought death to Rizal.

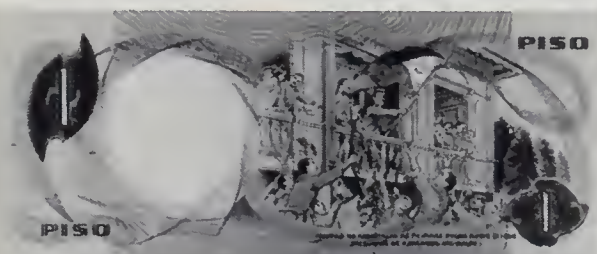
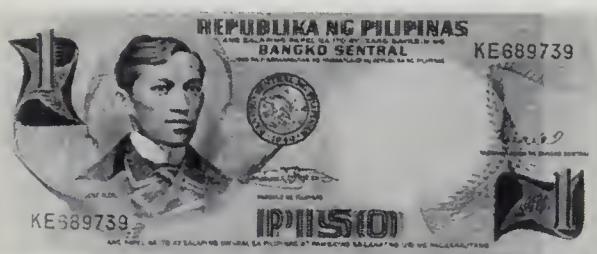
Rizal was hounded by the Spanish authorities. After a time he was arrested and exiled to Dapitan on Northwest Mindanao (1892-1896). Here he settled down to other interests and reportedly kept aloof from political activity. In 1893, to vindicate himself he offered his services as a doctor to the Spanish army in Cuba. While waiting to leave for Cuba in August, 1896 he became involved in the revolt which broke out following the Spaniard's discovery of the Katipunan. Disassociating himself from this uprising, he was able to leave Manila for Spain, but on his arrival he was arrested and sent back to the Philippines to stand trial for incitement of the rebellion.

The Spanish authorities were afraid of the influence of Rizal. They committed the last of the fatal errors that would cost Spain the Philippines. Rizal was publicly executed by a firing squad in Manila on December 30, 1896. His death enhanced his already great prestige among Filipinos and stimulated national sentiment.

Rebellion flared up with his death. A young Filipino leader, a laborer by the name of Andres Bonifacio summoned his waiting forces and marched against imperialism. At Balintawak, a small village outside Manila, shortly after the death of Rizal, Andres Bonifacio and his band of Filipino patriots struck the first Philippine blow against Spain. Today, on this spot, there is a statue of a Filipino holding aloft a bolo and the flag of the revolution. It is known as The Rizal Monument, and called “The First Cry of Liberty.”



The Rizal Monument is shown here on the Second Issue of Japanese-Philippine Currency. These notes (1 peso through 100 pesos) resulted from the new Philippine Republic, October, 1943. Pictured above is the One Peso Note with The Rizal Monument to the left, the banana plant is used as the watermark. The monument also appears on the 500 Peso note of the Inflation Issue, October, 1944.



In 1949, the Republika Ng Philipinas, Bangko Sentral released both a Philippine and English version of currency consisting of one, five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred pisos. (The one hundred piso note was never entered in circulation and today is very scarce.) Shown here is obverse of the Philippine

one piso bearing the vignette of Jose Rizal. A group of young liberators are shown on the reverse. Rizal's image is used as the watermark on this note.

The name “RIZAL” became a battlecry in the Filipino's struggle for independence and remains a revered symbol of the national consciousness. Numerous monuments are dedicated to his memory. A new National Library built recently in Manila bears his name, there is also a Rizal Province in Luzon territory. His writings are required reading in Philippine schools and colleges, and his birthday is celebrated as a national holiday.



One Peso, Obverse

50 centavos



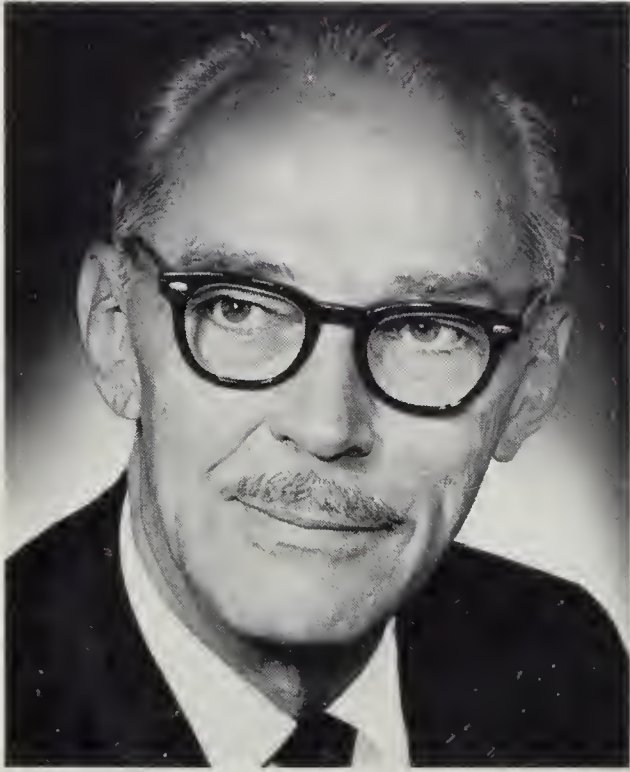
One Peso, Reverse

In 1961, the Philippines issued silver coinage commemorating the 100th anniversary of Rizal's birth. One Peso, 38mm .900 fine, and 50 Centavos, 30.6 mm .900 fine — Obverse shows Bust of Jose Rizal — reverse shows Coat of Arms of the Philippines. There were 100,000 of each struck at the Philadelphia Mint bearing the dates 1861-1961. It is reported that approximately 42,000 half-pesos and 32,000 one pesos were melted, thus making these silver coins a choice item in my collection.

JOSE PROTASIO RIZAL Y MERCADO ALONSO — he was not an agitator. He was not a believer in violence. He was a patriot who loved his country.



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



DR. CHARLES W. ABY

by Maxine Bryce, CSNA 1243

Fourteen years ago Dr. Charles W. Aby read a small book on Mexican coins which opened his eyes to the fascinating world of Mexican numismatics. With characteristic enthusiasm, initiative, and intellectual curiosity he entered that world and has been exploring its challenging complexities and bypaths ever since, gaining much knowledge of Mexico's history and coins along the way.

"Charlie" Aby was born in San Jose, California, and during his early childhood lived at the New Guadalupe quicksilver mine near New Almaden, of which his father was superintendent. He went to high school in San Jose and to the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles. He joined the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate during World War II. He was stationed for the most part on Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides Islands. Since 1945 Dr. Aby has been practicing in San Rafael, California, where he and his wife "Edy" reside and where he has been active in community affairs. He is a past president of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of

California. He served on San Rafael's City Council for 16 years and is a member of the Optimist Club and the Marin County Toastmasters Club.

A busy osteopathic physician and surgeon, Dr. Aby turns to numismatics as a change of pace from his professional activities. In 1960 two things happened to turn him into a numismatist. He read Neil Utberg's book on the "Coins of Mexico" and he joined the San Francisco Coin Club. Because he had lived in California and has known and liked Mexican people all his life, he was interested in Mexican history — and what better way to learn it than through Mexico's coins? "History in your hands!"

For the past 14 years — since becoming interested in Mexican numismatics — Dr. Aby has been going to Mexico two or three times a year. He joined the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico in 1961. In 1962 Dr. Aby joined San Francisco's Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. In 1973 he was PCNS's President and in 1974 he is serving on that Society's Board of Governors.

Dr. Aby was an active campaigner for saving San Francisco's "Old Mint" at Fifth and Mission Streets. It was during his term as PCNS president that the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's library was transferred to the U. S. Treasury for use in a numismatic reference room at the "Old Mint."

In October 1973 San Francisco's Mayor Joseph Alioto appointed Dr. Aby to the U. S. Mint's Cable Car Centennial Medal design committee. His co-judges were Ruth Asawa, sculptress, and Mario Ciampi, architect. It was a fine tribute and honor to the local numismatic fraternity.

Dr. Aby is also 2nd vice president of the Northern California Numismatic Association. In addition to the foregoing and CSNA, his numismatic affiliations include the American Numismatic Society, the American Numismatic Association, the Azteca Numismatic Society, the Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society, the Sociedad Numismatica de Puebla, the Academia Mexicana de Estudios Numismaticos (of Mexico City), and he is a

charter member of the Organization of International Numismatists.

Dr. Aby has written numismatic articles which have won prizes in the annual papers contest of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and been published in CALCOIN NEWS. His article "B'Gorra, the Cob — It's Irish!" won a literary award medal in 1973 from the OIN. He has had Mexican coin exhibits at various coin shows and won awards. Also, Dr. Aby has served at other times as an exhibit judge at coin shows. In addition, he has a good reputation as master of ceremonies at numismatic banquets, and his experience and training in parliamentary procedure served him well when PCNS President.

In 1971 and 1973 Dr. Aby attended the

ANA seminars in Colorado Springs on counterfeit coins and coin photography. He has prepared slide sets and given lectures about Mexican coinage at the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and various other clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dr. Aby's Mexican specialty consists of coins actually minted in Mexico mints. Right now he is interested in the silver hookneck eagles of the first coinage of the Mexican republic and he is doing an in-depth study of the die varieties of Durango mint 1824 issue (first issue of the hookneck eagle coinage.)

It is reported that Alexander the Great wept because he had no new worlds to conquer. He should have become a numismatist — like Dr. Charles W. Aby!



CABLE CAR CENTENNIAL U.S. MEDAL

The U. S. Assay Office in San Francisco is preparing to strike the San Francisco Cable Car Centennial Medal. This is the first striking of a national medal at the San Francisco facility. No more than 150,000 can be issued and all must be struck by December 31, 1974.

Thomas McClure of Oakland was selected as the designer of the medal. Second place went to Mrs. Eva Beran of Daly City. Third place was awarded to Boris Buzan, a member of CSNA from Laguna Beach. The winning design is now being transformed from models into dies at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, under the direction of Frank Gasparro, Chief Engraver for the Bureau of the

Mint.

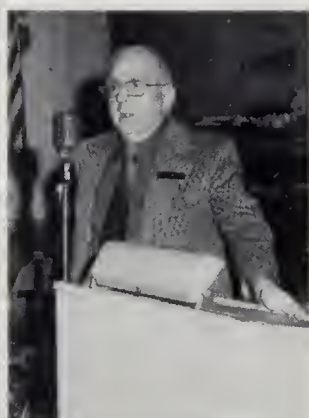
The medals will be struck in sterling silver of .925 fineness. In passing the enabling legislation, Congress authorized the medals to bear an "S" mint mark for San Francisco. The first striking of the medals will be one and a half inches in diameter, the size of a silver dollar, but will contain more silver.

Price of the medals will be \$15.00, each, and limited to three per customer. Orders may be sent to Cable Car Medals, P. O. Box 8030, San Francisco 94128. Proceeds from the sale of the medal will be used to fund permanent projects commemorating the bicentennial of San Francisco in 1976.

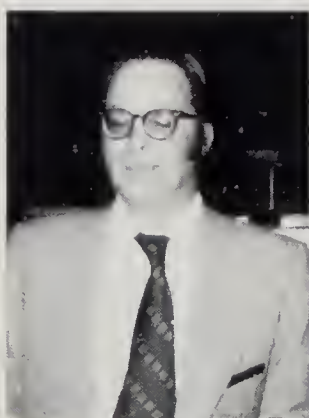
CSNA EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



BRYAN BURKE



CHARLES RUBY



ARTHUR FITTS III



VAL PASVOLSKY

The sixth annual California State Numismatic Association Educational Symposium was held Saturday, March 20, at the Walter H. Boyd Auditorium in Long Beach, along with outstanding invitational exhibits. The consensus of opinion from the committee and the visitors was that this event was one of the best of its kind to date. Due to the success of these symposiums, others are being held in various parts of the country, as well as in Canada.

An exciting educational program was arranged by Maurice M. Gould, well-known syndicated columnist and founder of the event. The speakers included Professor Charles L. Ruby of Fullerton, whose subject was "Fifty Years Along Coin Buy-Ways;" Arthur M. Fitts, Colorado Springs, a member of the official ANA family, who spoke about "1,066, The Year of the Three Kings;" Valentine Pasvolsky of Lakewood, New Jersey, the eminent Indian authority, who lectured on "Indian Wars and Peace Medals" in addition to having a beautiful 8-case display of material; and Bryan O. Burke, Jr. of San Bernardino, a founder of the San Bernardino Coin Club, who spoke on "The San Francisco Mint."

James R. Ray of Long Beach was the Chairman and the committee consisted of Maurice M. Gould; Charles G. Colver, CSNA secretary; Stuart T. Edgerton, treasurer; Gordon Z. Greene, exhibits; and William Zollinger, president of the Long Beach Coin Club hosts. William O. Wisslead, president of CSNA, and Elizabeth Wisslead also served on the committee.

The invitational "Best of Show" exhibits included "Miss Liberty Fashion Parade" by Dr. A. K. Berry; "Gold Mine to Mint" by

Virginia Hall; "Canadian Silver Ship Stamps" by Robert Marshall; "Medals and Foreign Stamps," Julius Moessl; "Lincolniana," Mary Ellen Newell; "Roman Procurators of Judea," Larry Tapper; and "Cloisonne Stamps and PNC Covers," John Miles Baker.

In addition, there were interesting displays by Barbara Hyde on the subject of "Architectural Medals" and Arthur Fitts, who displayed coins of the era of his talk, and the large display of Valentine Pasvolsky. There were more requests for display space than available.

The busload of numismatists who annually come from San Diego arrived with Dorothy Baber in charge. Paul Whitnah, certainly a devoted collector, flew in from Chicago, to meet the group in San Diego and made the trip to Long Beach with them.

Plans are being formulated for the seventh annual educational symposium to be held next year in San Diego.





A beaming, surprised Charles Colver receives award from Clifford Mishler.

Colver Receives Numismatic Ambassador Award

At the recent CSNA convention in Sacramento the banquet guests were surprised and pleased to hear Clifford Mishler, Senior Editor of Numismatic News Weekly, extol the virtues of one of their members. Those of you who were unable to be at the banquet may share his words in the following paragraphs.

Mishler began his presentation as follows: "Today, there are an estimated 10 million active coin collectors in this country. Of that 10 million, the vast majority fall into a category we would describe as 'average,' or 'above average.' But on top of this category are the leaders; the so called 'collector's collectors,' or the 'numismatic ambassadors,' who inspire others in the hobby.

"These leading collectors, whom we shall call 'Numismatic Ambassadors,' are a credit to the hobby. They exemplify basic principles that make coin collecting such an enjoyable pastime. They are sincere in their devotion to collecting. They evidence honesty and integrity in everything they do. But, perhaps, above all, they display a keen sense of sharing . . . both of their time and knowledge.

"We at Iola have long felt these individuals, while recognized for their special contributions to the hobby in the local area, have not received the national recognition that is mer-

ited. After all, it's their grass roots support that has made our hobby truly national in scope and influence. We hope to help fill that void in the future.

"It would be impossible to choose one particular collector embodying all of the qualities that make a Numismatic Ambassador. Included are qualities such as devotion, sincerity, patience, perseverance and an ability to get things done. So, since we're unable to choose one Numismatic Ambassador above all others, Krause Publications has chosen to honor several of these truly deserving collectors throughout the nation. In turn, in the years to come, they will be asked to participate in choosing their counterparts. Additionally, readers of Numismatic News Weekly will be given an opportunity to nominate future Numismatic Ambassadors.

"I have some biographical material which was gathered on tonight's Numismatic Ambassador Award winner . . . the first named . . . but I'm sure all of you know of his outstanding contributions better than I. My trips into California have led me to the conclusion, however, that there is no one in the country who better epitomizes that admirable trait of service to the hobby than Charlie Colver."



Convention Highlights

THE 54TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION



by Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18 - 4

Sacramento, the Garden City of California, bloomed brightly with the numerous coin collectors who came to our 54th Semi-Annual Convention, headquartered at the beautiful Senator Hotel.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB with JIM HART, president, hosted this session. General Chairman D. L. "ACE" REISWIG and his able assistants A. G. "HAP" YEAGER and L. C. "DUDE" CROSS are well known to all of us and were always present to offer the assistance that is necessary to make it a happy and prosperous event.

Bourse chairman ROBERT MARTIN reported that approximately 70 dealers bought space and offered a varied selection of fine coins and numismatic material to the interested buyers.

Exhibit chairman VINCE BERETTA, a veteran exhibitor, did an excellent job, reporting 37 exhibits using 60 cases.

Two junior awards were given: JOHN PHILLIPS, 1st; and CHARLES WHITE, 2nd.

Four invitational exhibits were offered: DAN HARLEY and CURLEY MITCHELL, representing the Franklin Mint; GORDON GREENE; JIM BETTON; and R. J. HARDY. These were truly fine exhibits and added to the many others on display.

The generous Franklin Mint Hospitality room was open the entire convention and was operated by RALPH and RUTH MITCHELL, and DAN and IRENE HARLEY; a beautiful gesture and gratefully appreciated.

The Friday luncheon was attended by 26 guests and was hosted by "HAP" YEAGER.

You know that behind every successful man is a woman and RUTH YEAGER sure fits those shoes. Thanks again to both of you. The speaker for the lunch was HOWARD BURT, Vice President of Crocker-Citizens Bank, who spoke on the Federal Reserve System.

The executive board met in earnest and accomplished a great deal with the business problems. Congratulations to the board members of CSNA.

The CSNA educational forum was hosted by "HAP" YEAGER and the speaker was DENO EVANGELISTA, who spoke about his collection of paper money and various humorous situations he had encountered.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY educational forum with WALTER SNYDER, president; RUTH PHILLIPS, chairman and CHARLES KAPPEN, speaker, had approximately 33 present to hear about Store Cards and Tokens.

The Saturday night banquet with Master of Ceremonies "HAP" YEAGER was well attended as usual. A sadness permeated the attendance with the knowledge of the death of ROY HILL, a CSNA director and a friend of all. He was also known as one of the "Tireless Three," who had attended every previous CSNA convention. He will be missed by all.

MATTIE and IRVING KNICKERBOCKER, the "Peerless Pair" were in attendance, and were recognized for their faithfulness.

CLIFF LISS, IRENE is his success story, presented the literary awards with the Silver Award going to HERB BERGEN for "Colonial Coins of British America" and the Bronze Award going to DON THRALL for "Numismatic Paper," Honorary mention was given to KEN BRESSETT, DR. CHARLES ABY, DICK HYDE and R/Admiral OSCAR DODSON.

CLIFF MISHLER of NUMISMATIC NEWS presented CHARLES COLVER with a plaque as "Numismatic Ambassador." This is a first for Numismatic News Weekly and will be continued each year with recognition going to individuals who have contributed greatly to the numismatic field.

AL BABER and S. EVERETT PHILLIPS were presented with Past President Medals and General Chairman "ACE" REISWIG was given the four convention medals.

CSNA wishes to thank the SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB for hosting the 54th Semi-Annual Convention and all who participated.



Convention Exhibits & Awards

GROUP "A" – UNITED STATES

First – no winner

Second – Steve Quintana – "For 150 Years"

Third – Charles White – "Kennedy Half Dollar"

GROUP "B" – ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL

First – Larry Tapper – "Coins of the Herod Dynasty"

Second – no winner

Third – no winner

GROUP "C" – MODERN FOREIGN

First – Raish Titoff – "Mongolian and Tibetan Coins"

Second – Raish Titoff – "Coins of Formosa"

Third – Victor Titoff – "Leaders of China"

GROUP "D" SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY

First – Larry Tapper – "Tax Tokens"

Second – Walter Gerth – "Odd and Curious"

Third – Ruth Phillips – "U. S. Fights Hunger with Food Stamps"

GROUP "H" – MEDALS

First – Ethel Lenhert – "Robert's Zodiac Medals"

Second – no winner

Third – no winner

GROUP "I" – MISCELLANEOUS

First – no winner

Second – Larry Tapper – "Fishes on Coins"

Third – Viola Thomas – "World War II Ration Currency"

GROUP "J" – JUNIORS

First – John Phillips – "British Millennium Proof Set"

Second – Charles White – "The Walking Liberty"

Third – no winner

GROUP "K" – PHILATELIC NUMISMATIC COMBINATIONS

First – no winner

Second – Phil Centman – "Kingdom of Tonga"

Third – Don Thrall – "Encased Postage Storecards"

BEST IN SHOW

Sam Phillips – "Project Apollo, The Seven Lunar Missions"

SPECIAL EXONUMIST AWARD

Sam Phillips – "Project Apollo, The Seven Lunar Missions"

NON-COMPETITIVE

R. J. Harder – "Past Time Hobby for Viewing Only"

R. A. "Curly" Mitchell – "Franklin Mint Exhibit"

Gordon Z. Greene – "The \$2 Bills"

Vincent Beretta – "Collecting Sacramento" & "Making Mistakes"

James Betton – "Military Decorations of Great Britain" & "Island Adventure"



Convention Camera

Photos by Gordon Greene and Ruth Phillips



Medals presented to President William Wisslead by convention chairman Ace Reiswig.



Charles Kappen receiving plaque from Ruth Phillips for speaking at CES meeting.



Past President Everett Phillips and Vice President Don T. Thrall.



Those attending the banquet enjoyed the lively music of a banjo jazz band.



President Wisslead presenting the past president's silver medal to Al Baber.



Ozie Kuntz, Dorothy Beaulieu, L. E. Beaulieu, Walter Snyder and Nona Moore.



President Wisslead presenting the past president's silver medal to Everett Phillips.



Herbert Bergen receiving the Literary Award (silver medal) from Clifford Liss.



Harold Burt of the Crocker National Bank speaking at the Friday Luncheon.



Don Thrall receiving the bronze medal for second best article from Clifford Liss.



Sam Phillips receiving "Outstanding Exonomist Award" from Walter Snyder.



Larry Tapper, Ruth Phillips and Walter Gerth winners in "Substitutes for Money."



Vincent Beretta presenting Dan Harley (past president of CSNA) exhibitor's plaque.



Larry Tapper and Viola Thomas winners in Miscellaneous class with Vincent Beretta.



Victor Titoff, Raish Titoff and Vincent Beretta award winners in Modern Foreign class.



The Phillips family were all winners this year, Sam, Ruth and Everett (for son John).



Don Thrall and Phil Centman winners in PNC class with Vincent Beretta.



Herbert Bergen, Elizabeth Wisslead, William Wisslead and Ota Bergen.



Steve Quintana and Charles White winners in U. S. class with Vincent Beretta.



A group at the pre-banquet social hour. Can you recognize all of them?



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

South of the Tehachapis

By Nona G. Moore, CSNA 1573



PAST PRESIDENTS

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB past presidents attending the 400th meeting were, left to right: First row — WILLIAM BARRETT, JOHN STOPPELWERTH, CHARLES RUBY, JOE STEELE. Second row: WINN OSBORNE, JOHN BALLARD, DR. VERNER RICH, JOSEPH COURREGES, BRUCE LINTON, LOU BERETICH, WILLIAM WISSLEAD. Third row: JOHN HALDIMAN, CHARLES KISER, STEWART BINGHAM, HERBERT BERGEN, BRYAN BURKE, CHARLES COLVER, LOREN RHYNARD.

MEMORIES

"The Old San Francisco Mint" was the topic discussed by LEE LEONARD at the OXNARD COIN CLUB. Many interesting facts about this old landmark were presented to the members.

EARLY AMERICA

DR. WILLIAM COLEMAN was a speaker at SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB. His subject was "George Washington." Dr. Coleman is a well-known collector of President's signatures.

JIM GARNER talked on "Monies and Money Concepts of the North American Indians" at a recent CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB meeting.

HERBERT BERGEN was feature speaker at the DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS, ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB and WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB when he spoke on "Coins and Currency of the British American Colonies."

PERGAMUM

"Pergamum: An Ancient City Site of Turkey" was BILL HOLBERTON'S topic at

the CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB.

DIME-A-DIP

CONVAIR COINEERS enjoyed this once-a-year fun-time dinner in March. Theme for the meeting was "Metals Used in Coinage," and members brought displays to correspond with it. Speaker was AL BABER, whose title was "Heraldry."

PAPER MONEY

J. H. McINNIS presented a talk on paper money entitled, "Souvenirs at Face Value" at the CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB and TORRANCE COIN CLUB.

CHARLES COLVER presented "Large Size Currency" to the S. I. N. (San Gabriel) and TUSTIN COIN CLUB members.

LUCKY THIRTEEN

COVINA COIN CLUB held its 13th annual coinarama on May 19, with a special commemorative wooden nickel given to each attendee. A \$10 gold piece, silver dollars and proof sets were among prizes given away. General chairman was FRANK STRAUSS.

NONA MOORE commemorated the start of her 13th year in her coin shop, NONA'S COINS, by having special wooden nickels made. Anyone desiring one may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to 18014 Merrill Avenue, Fontana, Ca. 92335.

J. PAUL GETTY

A film presentation was on the program of S. I. N. (L. A.) showing the J. Paul Getty Museum.

THE ORIENT

DON HAUSER, BOWERS AND RUDDY employee, gave a "History of Chinese Numismatics," for the S. I. N. (San Gabriel) members.

FREEDOM

"The Love of Liberty Brought us Here" was the topic when MEL KOHL spoke before the TORRANCE COIN CLUB.

COMMONWEALTH MATERIAL

ETHEL LENHERT spoke on "The British Virgin Islands" at the COVINA COIN CLUB.

HERITAGE

IRV BROTMAN chose as his title "The Heritage of Coinage" when he spoke before the EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB and

S. I. N. (L. A.).

TOM FITZGERALD presented in slide and display a viewpoint of a fascinating era in numismatics — “French Medalllic Art Yesterday and Today” at S. I. N. (L. A.).

QUIZZES

DICK THATCHER continues to present superb programs of Numismatic Quizzes at the SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB meetings. Prizes are given to those who answer the most questions correctly.

JUNIORS

A Lincoln No. 2 folder with several cents already included is given to each new FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATIST junior member. Each meeting thereafter another cent is given to each paid-up junior member attending to add to the gift book. Eventually the junior member will have a completed No. 2 folder by merely attending each meeting.

A free Liberty Head nickel was given to every junior attending the GLENDALE COIN CLUB in May.

SECRET SERVICE

A Special Agent from the U. S. Treasury Department spoke to the LEISURE WORLD COIN CLUB, TRIANGLE COIN CLUB and FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS on “Counterfeiting Coins and Paper Currency.”

WORLD WAR II

DENNIS CONRAD was welcomed by the LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB when he was featured speaker on the unusual subject of “American Values of World War II and the Purple Heart.” The talk was accompanied by color slides.

NUMISMATIC WEDDING

BRUNO FORSHER of Sherman Oaks presented the “Marriage of Israel Stamps and Coins” to the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (San Gabriel). His subject touched those collectors of Holy Land material who have PNC’s in their collection.

AFRICA

MEL KOHL presented a slide and talk on “Ethiopia, Treasure House of Africa” to the WHITTIER COIN CLUB.

PORCELAIN

HOWARD SMITH of Redlands displayed and spoke on “Porcelain Money” at the REDLANDS COIN CLUB.

JOLLY OLD ENGLAND

BEN CAMPBELL’S topic was “Pennies of England,” and JOHN J. PITTMAN selected “Rambling Around in British Numismatics” as his title, when they spoke to the AMERICAN BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

THAT YELLOW STUFF

MONTEREY PARK COIN CLUB gave a gold piece for a door prize in April. FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS continue to include a gold piece in its door prize selection each month. JOHN LENKER presented color slides and a talk on “20th Century Gold” at the REDLANDS COIN CLUB.

SAN DIEGO ERROR CLUB

MARCIA WISE spoke on “Grading of Coins,” TED CLARK on “Contributions and Additions to the Redbook,” and PHIL CENTMAN on “PNC Covers,” at club meetings in the past.

AVIATOR

KEN NICHOLS of Laguna Hills spoke on the subject of “Walking the Wing,” when he relived some of the excitement of his early career as a stunt flier. Ken gave up this career to become a professional numismatist.

MISCELLANY

SALLY CASALAINA talked on “Grading, Storage and Counterfeiting of U. S. Coinage” at the North Hollywood Coin Club.

WOW!

WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD, CSNA president, spoke on “The U. S. Mint at New Orleans” at the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB and TORRANCE COIN CLUB. He also presented “Tower of London” to S. I. N. (L. A.) and UPLAND COIN CLUB.

THIRD TIME AROUND

ED McCLUNG has once again accepted editorship of “The Commonwealth Journal,” ABNS monthly publication. RICHARD TROWBRIDGE, who has ably edited it many years, had to resign due to poor health.

EXONUMIA

DR. CHARLES KAPPEN of San Jose was featured speaker at the CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST meeting held in conjunction with the Sacramento CSNA convention. His topic was “A Short History of Early California Store Cards and Tokens and Manufacturers.”

WAYNE DENNIS presented a fine program on “Wooden Money” at the 49er Coin Club.

DOWN MEXICO WAY

AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard a capsule history of Mexico by JOHN BAUR when he spoke on “Portraits of the Heroes of Mexico on Coins and Stamps.” JOHN PITTMAN also gave some pertinent and timely information on the findings of the Florida wrecks.

The “W. C. Miller Award,” presented annually for the best original article appearing in the AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY bulletin, “Plus Ultra,” was given to BRENT

BROWN for his article, "The Coins and Paper Money of the State of Chihuahua during the Early Years of the Mexican Revolution (1913-17)."

ED GAVIRA'S topic was "Maximilian, a Viennese Cuauhtemoc," when he presented the program for the AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

DOUGLAS deROME, vice president of AMERICAN BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY and SAN FERNANDO COIN CLUB has spent several weeks in the Glendale Hospital, part of it in surgery. We all send him best wishes and hope to see him at meetings very soon.

RODNEY COON, also of ABNS and WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB, is recovering from recent surgery.

WILBER WIER of San Diego has been in the hospital for extensive surgery.

DON ALEXANDER, also of San Diego, underwent emergency open-heart surgery.

ASIA

SOL TAYLOR spoke on "Coins of India" at the TRIANGLE COIN CLUB.

EXCHANGE MEETING

The LAWNDALE CLUB and SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB visited each other's meetings as a gesture of good will.

ONE CENT AND THE NICKEL

CLARABELLE HAWKINS talked on "The U. S. One Cent" at the SOUTHEASTERN SIERRA COIN CLUB and JOHN CHAPPELEAR spoke on "The U. S. Nickels."

FRANK STRAUSS presented a fine talk on the "Fabulous 1913 Nickel" at the UPLAND COIN CLUB.

F. A. O.

TED GOTTSCHALL presented 32 members of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY an interesting talk on "F. A. O. Money" — Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations."

NEW OFFICERS

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS held its annual installation dinner in April. JIM WALDORF, NASC president, installed the new officers. TOM FITZGERALD is its new president; JOHN WILLIAMS and HENRY CUTTING, vice presidents; CALETTA GILREATH, treasurer; and IRENE WILLIAMS, secretary.

70 members and guests participated in the banquet which marked the 13th anniversary of the club. 13 silver dollars were given away to celebrate the event.

PEGGY BORGOLTE served as installing officer for the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCI-

ETY (San Gabriel). LESTER DUBIN is its new president; ESTHER TALLER, v-p.; NATE BROMBERG, treas.; DONNA SIMS, rec. secy.; and ESTHER BROMBERG, corr. secy.

NEW OFFICERS:

IMPERIAL BEACH COIN CLUB has a new president — PAUL MOULTON, Vice president is ELEANOR YACHWAN and secretary/treasurer is GINNY BOURKE.

An installation dinner for the members of INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, San Diego, installed JIM HILL, pres.; DON FARR, v. p.; TIM COLLING, treas.; ANNA MERLE PANOSH, secy.

DOROTHY BABER is the new president of LA MESA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, BILL WEST is v. p., with RUTH GUTSCHOW as secy. and HOWARD SMITH, treas.

At the combined birthday and installation dinner, CHARLES NISSEN installed President ED MORASCO, V. P. DON WEBB, Secy. BOB VIK, and Treas. JACK DARNELL (what, no women?) in the POWAY COIN CLUB.

New officers for the SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB are: EDWARD FLADUNG, pres.; CHARLES McGEHEE, v. p.; ED WILCOX, treas.; PAT WILCOX, rec. secy.; and IRENE FARLEY, corr. secy.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL

The annual joint meeting of the SAN DIEGO INTERCLUB NUMISMATIC COUNCIL clubs was held in March. The event was sponsored by the EAST SAN DIEGO COIN CLUB. General Chairman was ARCHIE VIK with AL BABER handling the bourse. ROBERT BROSCHE, a prominent sculptor of medals and winner of awards, spoke on "The Making of a Medal." Among the exhibits was the Moon Medal which Neil Armstrong took to the moon.

CONGRATULATIONS

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS celebrated its 15th birthday in April by giving out special wooden nickels to commemorate the event.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's President KAY EDGERTON received her own personal Z-gram informing her of her new rank of Captain in the Naval Reserve, through the facilities of Navy Marine Corps Military Official Radio System.

AN OLD FRIEND

DAN HARLEY (CSNA past president), now living in Arkansas and representing the Franklin Mint, honored the COVINA COIN CLUB by presenting the program in April. It was good to see Dan and his lovely wife, IRENE, again at the Sacramento CSNA convention, too!

ELONGATEDS

G. A. "CORKY" AYERS talked about his "Elongated Coins" before the CALIFORNIA WOODEN MONEY ASSOCIATION.

SHADES OF THE ZUIDER ZEE

ALBERTUS HOOGEVEEN presented a slide commentary and display on "The Coins of Queen Wilhelmina," at a recent DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS meeting, as well as at SIN (L. A.) and TRIANGLE COIN CLUB.

A NUMISMATIC TOUR

JOHN WILLIAMS took the EAST L. A. COIN CLUB and 49er COIN CLUB on "A Numismatic Tour of the U. S." in March.

At an ISRAEL COIN CLUB (L. A.) meeting LESTER DUBIN showed color slides taken when he and his wife traveled to Israel on the 1973 American Israel Numismatic Association tour.

GOLDEN GLOVES

LEONARD STERLING, involved personally with the Golden Gloves Tournaments in the past, presented his interesting dissertation on "The Golden Gloves," together with his display, to the FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS. Len was awarded a special speaker's plaque with a Morgan Silver Dollar in it for his fascinating program.

PREPARING A DISPLAY

SALLY MARX, well-known exhibitor, spoke on "How to Set up a Display" at the 49er COIN CLUB.

MINI-TALK

ISRAEL COIN CLUB (L. A.) has enlarged its educational program. The members will share their knowledge with the membership by researching a specific numismatic item. First educational mini-talk was given by ALEX SCHWIMMER on the one Pruta trade coins of Israel. EMANUEL DAY's mini-talk covered the 25 Mills.

THREE DOLLARS

ETHEL STONE presented an interesting talk on "The Elusive \$3 Bill" to the LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB.

ODDITIES

DICK THATCHER spoke on "Fido's and Oddities" at the LA MIRADA COIN CLUB.

M. C.

The ever-busy MAURICE GOULD was Master of Ceremonies at the educational forum during the second annual Greater New York Coin Convention.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

The largest attendance in ten years of LEISURE WORLD COIN CLUB meetings was held in April to celebrate National Coin Week,

sponsored by the ANA. A proclamation was issued by Mayor Blackman of Seal Beach and many people from the area attended the activities for their first time at any numismatic meeting.

A FIRST

A Holyland Convention was held in May at the Huntington Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. The ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY of San Gabriel Valley sponsored the event of exhibits, door prizes, souvenirs, and bourse dealers all with coins, medals, stamps, etc. only from the Holy Land. SALLY MARX was general chairman. A special booth, with RALPH MARX in charge, displayed books, publications and brochures to aid the collector in the hobby.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

CHARLES COLVER was appointed along with 24 other citizens to serve on the 1974 U. S. Assay Commission by President Nixon. BARBARA HYDE, MAURICE GOULD and JAMES MILLER were also honored with the appointment, with our own BARBARA elected as Permanent Chairman by the Commission — what a fine tribute!

CHARLES COLVER presented "A Day to Remember, U. S. Assay Commission" to the ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB, CALIFORNIA WOODEN MONEY ASSOCIATION, UPLAND COIN CLUB, COVINA COIN CLUB, MONROVIA COIN CLUB, and SIN (San Gabriel).

JAMES L. MILLER presented "Serving on the Annual Assay Commission" to the LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB.

SO-CALLED DOLLARS

JAMES RAY spoke on "So-called Dollars" at the Long Beach Coin Club. Jim is an authority on the subject and with only a few exceptions, he has had them all.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL SHOW

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB's 9th annual show surpassed all expectations with more than 800 registered attendance. Bourse Chairman DICK GORDON reported the twenty bourse dealers were well-satisfied. The Sunland Post Office was on hand with a branch office, which enhanced the show, as well as the many exhibits entered. EARL O'CATHEY won the Best-of-Show trophy with MARY CAPOZZI taking the People's Choice.

WHO CAN TOP THIS?

JAMES BETTON has presented the following programs since the first of the year: "History and Numismatics of Hawaii" at the 49er COIN CLUB; "The Coinage and Medals of Louis XIV," AVALON COINEERS; "The

California Midwinter Exposition of 1894," SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB; "Sporting Tokens of Early California," YUMA COIN CLUB (Arizona); "The ANA, its History and its Future," RIDGECREST COIN CLUB; "U. S. Mint Medals," ELK's COIN CLUB, San Pedro; "Collecting Foreign Coins for the Juniors," CAL-TECH-JPL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY; "New Views on Sea Salvage Coinage," BAY CITIES COIN CLUB; "Counterfeiters and Crooks in our Conventions Today," SIN (L. A.), "Bedroom Politics and

Coinage of France," (x-rated), MADERRA HEIGHTS COIN CLUB; "Hawaiiana — History and Numismatics," MONROVIA COIN CLUB; and "The House of Rothschild," ISRAEL COIN CLUB (Los Angeles).

DECIPHERING DATES

MORRIS TALLER gave the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (San Gabriel) assistance in reading the Hebrew dates on coins, and RALPH MARX conducted a quiz on "Pruta Series" at a recent meeting.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

North of the Tehachapis

By Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18-4

SHOW TIME

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB held a very successful two-day coin show in March. A capacity crowd attended where 61 bourse dealers bought, sold and traded numismatic material.

The special display of "Primitive Money" was the most popular display. The Best of Show was won by JOHN SCHMIDT, with his Franklin Mint display entitled "Men in Space." 1st award was won by VICTOR TITOFF; 2nd went to a father and son effort, LARRY and ALLEN MATRE; 3rd was won by WALTER BHOHM. The junior trophies were won by CHUCK WHITE, ERNIE RAY and ROBERT ROSS.

The club had a medal struck to commemorate the show, the obverse was designed by AL and DOROTHY MANDELL, the reverse by NANCY CUTFORTH.

An open invitation is extended to all wishing to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P. M., County Bldg. No. 2, 1555 Berger Road, San Jose.

At the April meeting a delightful talk by WILLIAM WEBER on "Tokens, Medals and Memorabilia of California" was given to the members.

SELLING?

MARIN COIN CLUB had DR. C. W. ABY speak at the April meeting on just that subject, "How to sell your Coins."

ROBIN TOBIN resigned as secretary and CORA LOHSE will fill out the remainder of the term. Any correspondence may be sent to Box 329, Mill Valley, California.

BLARNEY

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY listened to JOHN SEARS at the March meeting talk on "Coins of Ireland." John's talk was supplemented by a colorful map of Ireland and by the coins from his collection.

O. L. WALLIS spoke at the February meeting on Presidential Coins and Medals.

Vice President MRS. HARRY CUTLER delivered the ANA's Educational Award Certificate to MERRILEE GWERDER, Director of Wells Fargo's History Room, for her program on California Numismatics at PCN's November meeting.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

Go to Patrick & Company's Market Street headquarters and see on display the LUDWIGSEN-PHILLIPS betrothal medal.

SURPRISE

The March meeting of the FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY was in the form of a tribute to FRED TINKHAM, a charter member who joined the club in its founding year of 1946. Fred was 85 years young and the society had a "This is Your Life, Fred Tinkham" party. Congratulations Fred, and may you enjoy many more happy birthdays.

The Fres-No-Pex '74 Stamp and Coin show held at Fresno Fashion Fair in March brought the philatelic-numismatic hobby before throngs of shoppers and created a lot of interest. The bourse room was jammed most of the time and all the dealers left smiling happily, always a good sign of a successful show. We thank PAUL ENDLER for "bossing" the event and HOWARD DUNKLEE who was bourse chairman.

NEW COMMAND

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB installed the following officers for 1974: PHIL SOLOMON, president; GARY ACQUISTAPACE, v. p.; GEORGE LUIZ, JR., jr. v. p.; SARA LUIZ, recording secy; JEAN PRITCHETT, corres. secy; RAY ERKSON, treas.; AL CADMAN, librarian; and ERNIE RAY, historian. Two life memberships were given at

the meeting to FRANK NIELSEN, the founder of the club in 1970, and LES CARDIFF, 91 years young and still an active member at the meetings. A nice gesture. Out-going President FRANK NIELSEN was also given a president's plaque for his two years of devoted service as the club's president.

The public is invited to meetings held at Lincoln School, 21710 McClellan Road, Cupertino, on the first Friday of each month.

MEMORIAM

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB enjoyed MERRILEE GWERDER of Wells Fargo Bank give a colorful history of Wells Fargo at the May meeting. SFCC just completed a successful coin show with 53 bourse dealers and 32 exhibits.

The loss of the late ROY HILL, devoted club member and vice president, was felt greatly by all of us. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family and his many friends.



From the Desk of the Treasurer

Stuart T. Edgerton, CSNA 14-4

TREASURER'S REPORT

1 November 1973 to 18 April 1974

Balance brought forward \$ 321.24

RECEIPTS:

Gain from 53rd Convention	\$ 5070.97
Gain from S. F. Mint Display	415.05
*Bourse Fees & Deposits, 54th Convention	3025.00
Dues	1727.00
Money Talks	193.00
Medals	371.00
Insurance Refund	47.00
54th Convention medals	20.00
Miscellaneous	5.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10874.16
TOTAL	\$11195.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Loss from 6th Annual Symposium	\$ 1.49
Curators Expenses	203.50
NASC Dues	3.00
TAMS Dues	6.00
ANS Dues	15.00
ANA Dues	12.00
Orange County Coin Club	253.55
Castenholz for books	2500.00
Filing Fee & Xeroxing Tax Return	7.60
Storage of CSNA cases	328.00
Plastic Holders for Past Presidents Medals	50.00
CalCoin News (2 issues)	2218.88
Editor's and Assistant Editor's Expenses	140.00
Secretary & Treasurer's Supplies & Postage	910.11
State Board of Equalization, Sales Tax	437.90
Medals of Merit & Engraving	490.96
Holders for Medals	54.18
Frames for Best of Show Medals	63.00
54th Convention Expenses	88.79

Typewriter Rental 52nd Convention	14.03
Half Dollars for 54th Convention	150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7947.99
Balance in commercial account	\$ 3247.41
Accounts Receivable	75.00
Accounts Payable	(1500.00)
Balance in Savings Account (438.08)	14824.07
Net Worth	\$16646.48

*This figure does not include bourse fees collected at the 54th Convention.

TREASURER’S REPORT OF THE 6TH ANNUAL
SYMPOSIUM, LONG BEACH, 30 March 1974

RECEIPTS:	
PNC Covers and Mirrors	389.00
Dinners	486.00
TOTAL	\$ 875.00
EXPENSES:	
Moderators Expenses	32.00
Dinners, Tax and Tips	487.07
Meals for Speakers	30.00
Travel Expense (1 Speaker)	100.00
Programs	122.60
Signs and Medals for Speakers	60.38
PNC Plastic Envelopes	17.50
Miscellaneous	26.94
TOTAL	\$ 876.49
Net Loss	(1.49)

SETTING UP OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT DISPLAY
FINANCIAL REPORT TO 18 April 1974

Balance as of 24 January 1974 (Deficit)	\$ (1678.50)
EXPENSES:	
Refund for undeliverable medal	10.00
TOTAL	\$(1688.50)
RECEIPTS:	
Sale of Medals	\$ 2103.55
TOTAL	\$ 2103.55
Net Profit	\$ 415.05

FOLDING GREEN
Money was once called "lettuce"
Because its color was green —
But times have changed and now the reverse
Is true on the modern scene.

The dollar, though still green, is humbled
By devaluation and such,
And lettuce could well be called money
Since buying it takes so much.
—George Ludcke, Wall Street Journal



From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

NEW MEMBERS (Feb. 11 to May 10, 1974)

- 2742 NEWSTROM, Sherman K. 411 Silva St., Eureka, Calif. 95501
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- 2743 POTASHNICK, Barry . . . 2323 Sharon Rd., No. 119, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025
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- 2744 MOORE, Terence E. . . . c/o Emory Moore Ranch, Kings Valley, Ore. 97353
(sponsored by the secretary)
- A2745 HEINE, Judy
(sponsored by James Heine)
- A2746 FABIAN, Toni Lynn
(sponsored by K. W. Fabian)
- 2747 BAILEY, Don P. O. Box 4281, Yuma, Ariz. 85364
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- 2748 HARLAND, John E. 44-580 San Juan, Palm Desert, Calif. 92260
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- 2749 PONTERIO, Richard H.
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- 2750 FAIRALL, Charles C.
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- 2751 JACKEL, Carl J. 1525 E. Wellington Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92701
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- 2752 PRESTON, William W. 1205 E. First St., Tustin, Calif. 92680
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- 2755 BALLARD, Gary C. 7150 Siene Ave., Highland, Calif. 92346
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- 2756 WEST, Wm. O. 1216 Adobe Lane, El Cajon, Calif. 92021
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- 2757 CLARK, Jerome P.
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- 2758 SASO, Martin II 301 E. Campbell, Campbell, Calif. 95008
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- A2759 PRITCHETT, Don F. 2383 Sunrise Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95124
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- 2760 METTERNICH, James G.
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2761 McFARLAND, Ray
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- 2762 OTTO, William 313 Genoa St., Monrovia, Calif. 91016
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- 2763 PARSONS, Thomas L., Jr.
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- 2765 WHITE, Charles L. 4445 Fairlands Dr., Pleasanton, Calif. 94566
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- 2766 DOWNING, Charles P. O. Box 2452, Redding, Calif. 96001
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- 2767 NARDIZZI, Anthony
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- 2768 LEWIS, Lloyd K. 1095E Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, Calif. 90807
(sponsored by Len Sterling)
- 2769 RICE, Ray F.
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2770 FITTS, Arthur M. III P. O. Box 2574, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901
(sponsored by Edgertons & Bill Wisslead)
- 2771 KUHN, Richard V.
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 2772 STEWART, George W., Jr. 3624 Jonothan Way, North Highlands, Calif. 95660
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- 2773 CALDERAZZO, William 9000-A Florida Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33604
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- A2774 SEARS, Phyllis M. 517 Fourth Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94118
(sponsored by John Sears)
- 2775 COOPER, S. J. 749 Laurel St., San Carlos, Calif. 94070
(sponsored by Jerry Kroeger)
- 2776 TRENT, Arthur R., M. D.
(sponsored by Luther Cross)
- 2777 BABER, Lawrence P. 2445C Vineyard, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
(sponsored by Dorothy Baber)
- 2778 LANE, Dennis P. O. Box 35074, Vancouver, B. C. Canada V6M 4G1
(sponsored by Ed McClung)
- 2779 FITZHUGH, Robert A. 2841 Carson Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95821
(sponsored by Hap Yeager)
- 2780 LOWREY, R. E., Jr. M. D. P. O. Box 1110, Cedar Ridge, Calif. 95924
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- 2781 MURRAY, L. C. 2116 Seaman Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 91733
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- A2782 MURRAY, Carole M. 2116 Seaman Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 91733
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- 2783 MEYER, Robert 23587 Los Adornos, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653
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- 2784 BALTAR, Raymond R. 2112 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817
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- 2786 COFFMAN, James H. 1575 Bayshore Hwy., Burlingame, Calif. 94010
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- 2787 CORDOVA COIN CENTRE 10597 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, Calif. 95670
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- 2788 LILES, Sim L. 4036 Balsam St., Sacramento, Calif. 95838
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- 2789 EDWARDS, David M. P. O. Box 391, Coloma, Calif. 95613
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- 2790 GRANT, Edna S. 1372 Rockledge, No. 1, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2791 PENDERGAST, Ernest P.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2792 ZELL, Charles E. 967 Piedmont Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95822
(sponsored by the secretary)

2793	LEMON, Mrs. Viola H.	3154 Stony Point Rd., Santa Rosa, Calif. 95401 (sponsored by the secretary)
2794	STONE, William M.	(sponsored by Sacramento Valley Coin Club)
2795	KANG, Myung Kyu	9120 Dupont Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95826 (sponsored by the secretary)
2796	STUMBAUGH, Gerry	3215 Cypress Way, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95401 (sponsored by the secretary)
2797	THORLEY, K. T.	(sponsored by the secretary)
2798	GAINES, Robert F.	630 Wilhaggin Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95825 (sponsored by the secretary)
2799	SCHULTZ, Ed	(sponsored by Charles Colver)
2800	TAYLOR, Don A.	(sponsored by Bob Martin)
2801	WILBUR, William W., Jr.	(sponsored by the secretary)
2802	WONG, Louis	205 Eighth Ave., Apt. 6, San Francisco, Calif. 94118 (sponsored by the secretary)
2803	KOELLMAN, Roy	241 Second St., Galt, Calif. 95632 (sponsored by the secretary)
2804	MURPHY, John J.	675 Spruce St., San Francisco, Calif. 94118 (sponsored by the secretary)
2805	NICKELSON, Frank	1153 Watt Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95825 (sponsored by the secretary)
2806	ROSINGANA, Arthur M.	7790 Robindell Way, Cupertino, Calif. 95014 (sponsored by the secretary)
2807	GILLMAN, Belle	15120 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif. 91401 (sponsored by Judy Cahn)
2808	BOWER, Lyle W.	825 Geary, No. 603, San Francisco, Calif. 94109 (sponsored by the secretary)
2809	STONIER, Terry W.	(sponsored by the secretary)

RE-INSTATEMENTS

2347	THOMAS, William A.	30-384H Cherry Hill, APO Seattle, Wash. 98742
2447	DRESSOR, Robert F.	521 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Calif. 91203

RESIGNATIONS

1827	MORTON, Lawrence E.	Santa Monica, Calif.
2399	BATY, Roger M.	Redlands, Calif.
2430	RALPH'S PENNIES TO DOLLARS COIN CLUB	Los Angeles, Calif.
2464	NEURON, Kurt	San Francisco, Calif.
2518	BOSS, Charles H.	Chicago, Ill.

DECEASED

1-5	HILL, Roy	San Francisco, Calif.
495	COOPER, Eugene P.	San Diego, Calif.
699	TEDTMAN, Henry A.	Long Beach, Calif.
839	COON, A. Ben	Colton, Calif.

1380	DALY CITY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY	Daly City, Calif.
2083	RILEY, W. Jack	Garden Grove, Calif.

LIFE MEMBERS ACCEPTED

28-1 TRENT, Arthur R., M. D. Sacramento, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Feb. 10, 1974	1144
New Members, Feb. 11 to May 10, 1974	68
Re-Instatements	2
Resignations	5
Deceased	6
Net Membership, May 10, 1974	1203
1974 Dues Not Yet Paid	146
Total Life Memberships	112



Librarian's Report

Dorothy E. Beaulieu, CSNA 974



"I'm sorry sir, we don't have that book . . . but you will find it in the CSNA library!"

Any librarian worth her salt goes into ecstasy over new additions and this librarian is in seventh heaven. With the recent purchase of a well-known dealer's inventory we have taken a giant step toward building one of the finest numismatic libraries available. There are hundreds of books, with something for everyone, including the most advanced scholar.

Until such time as a new catalog can be prepared, we will list as many as we can in future issues of Calcoin News.

Do yourself a favor — borrow a book today!



Between the Bookends

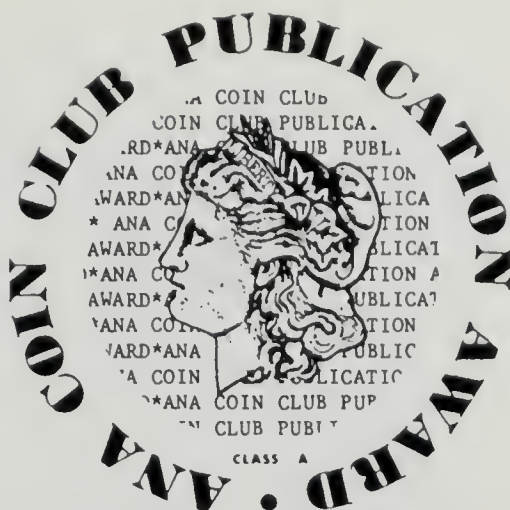


"MONNAIES DE L'EMPIRE DE RUSSIE 1724-1895" by Georges Michailovitch is a reprint from the 1916 Paris edition. Only six original copies of this work are known to be in North America. The book illustrates and prices virtually every coin for the period. It

encompasses 696 pages, including 247 half-tone plates. A new forward by numismatic scholar Randolph Zander adds perspective to this magnificent work. Although the catalogue is written in French, the clear chronological listings of the coins by ruler allow easy loca-

tion of any particular coin. A 23-page price guide, developed by Fred S. Werner, is provided to make this book more useful to the modern collector and dealer, pricing every coin illustrated in two grades of condition (with the exception of specimen and novodel coins, which are priced only in the top grade.) Available from Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts. Price is \$50.00.

Taloe is an English colonial silver coin issued by the African Co., on the Gold Coast in 1796.



Old U.S. Mint Centennial Medal



CSNA has commemorated the 100th anniversary of the second U. S. Mint at San Francisco. First opened in 1874, the old building has been undergoing extensive re-

modeling and was re-dedicated June 15 of 1973. CSNA issued a special 1 - 5/8" medal on the occasion of the opening of the Numismatic Museum Dedication there last October 14th and the Old U. S. Mint Centennial medal is a companion piece. The pair of medals are in the size of the U. S. \$50 Pan-Pacific gold commemorative coins of 1915, the first in the octagon shape. The first striking of the Centennial medal incorrectly contained the word "Bicentennial" but the second striking corrected this error.

The price of the Old U. S. Mint Centennial medal in a .999 fine silver limited (numbered) edition is \$12.50 each, and in golden bronze is \$1.50 each. Orders should be sent to Charles Colver, CSNA Secretary, 611 North Banna Ave., Covina, California 91724.

CSNA SLIDES AVAILABLE

Randy Briggs, assistant director of Education, has announced that eleven slide programs are now available to CSNA member clubs. Any club desiring to borrow the slides may write to him at P. O. Box 1161, San Bernardino, California 92402. The only requirement is that the club be a member of CSNA and pay the shipping insurance charges.

The list of slides follows:

"Coins of the Maldive Islands" by Tim Browder.

"Coins of Japan" by Al Baber.

"Tokens and Notes of the Hudson's Bay Co." by Jim Betton.

"Coins of Edward VIII" by Richard Trowbridge.

"Modern World Coins" by Mel Kohl.

"The Wedding of Coins and Stamps of Israel" by Mel Kohl.

"Tokens and Notes of the Maritime Provinces" by Jim Betton.

"The Story of Banking in Canada".

"Ethiopia: A Storehouse of Africa" by Mel Kohl.

"A Female Slave in Timbuktu" by Leona Kohl.

"A Wedding of Coins and Stamps" by Maury Gould.



ROY HILL, CSNA No. 1 - 5

Roy Hill, San Francisco Mint buff and CSNA director, died suddenly April 12th of heart failure. He had been preparing for a journey to Sacramento to attend the CSNA 54th Semi-Annual Convention, at which he would have been honored as one of the "Tireless Three" who attended all of CSNA's conventions.

He had retired from service with the California Department of Motor Vehicles in October of 1973. He is survived by his mother who resides in Alaska, a niece and two cousins who make their home in San Francisco.

At the time of his death, Roy was serving his second term as president of the Northern California Numismatic Association. He was a founder, director and past president of the San Francisco Coin Club. He joined the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1931 and was a director of the club at the time of his death, having served the club in every capacity up to the presidency. Roy was a founding member of many bay area coin clubs, among them the East Bay Coin Club, San Mateo Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and the Canadian Numismatic Association. He had been a member of the American Numismatic Association since 1934 and had recently accepted a 25 year ANA membership award for the San Jose Coin Club at the 1970 ANA convention. He was also a member of the California Exonumist Society.

Although Roy Hill was known to everyone as a coin collector, he had many other interests. He also was well

known in the philatelic circles. He won the nickname "Flying Finn" when he figuratively flew from meeting to meeting throughout the state, promoting interest in precancel stamps, and the title stuck with him in numismatic circles as well.

Roy enjoyed world recognition for his knowledge of the history of the U. S. Mints and was a veritable fountain source regarding coins and coinage from these installations. For years he had collected literature, pictures and documents dealing with the Mints of the United States. When the Old San Francisco Mint was restored, he supplied much of the needed historical documents for its authentic restoration.

Roy was founding member number 7 of the CSNA and served with distinction through the years. He served as exhibit chairman at numerous conventions, but his biggest thrill came when he was appointed General Chairman of the CSNA 52nd Convention in Oakland.

When Roy Hill died, all of us lost a good friend. He was one of the most colorful and generous numismatists we shall ever have the privilege of knowing. He shared his knowledge, collectibles and experiences with all of us and we shall miss seeing his smiling face and hearing his quick step.

— John Sears and Ruth Phillips



The "Tireless Three" at their last convention together, the 53rd semi-annual convention in Anaheim November 1973.



Quarter Century

From CSNA quarterly for Summer 1949:

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Without taking up a lot of valuable space in this bulletin I would just like to say "Hello" to every member of the CSNA. The past two years have been outstanding years numismatically for the California collector. In this short time we have seen our association born, and thrive unbelievably. A mere babe two years ago, it now is a full grown club, able and willing to take its full share of work, responsibility and pride in numismatic achievements.

With our large and growing membership, our abundant variety of numismatic talent, the whole hearted cooperation of every member and the warm "big brother" friendship so much in evidence at all our conventions, it is small wonder that the California State Numismatic Association is the largest sectional association in the entire United States.

Let's keep it growing. Let's keep it free of politics. Let's collect, exhibit, buy, sell and "horse trade" to our hearts' content, but above all, let's keep it clean, healthy and active. If at the close of each year we can truthfully say "I did the best I could; I did my part", we can be sure of success the following year.

I only hope I can prove myself worthy of the confidence of every member of the California State Numismatic Association and that I can do no less a job than that which is expected of me.

Ralph A. (Curly) Mitchell
President

From notes about 1949 Spring Convention:

Besides acting as Master of Ceremonies from the floor, Rudy Gjurovich brought down the house with his impromptu lamppost act.

Irving Knickerbocker of San Diego was back in his old home town, but that didn't keep him from getting a parking ticket his first day there.

New Officers were installed by Lew Reagan, ANA General Secretary, in one of the snappiest installation ceremonies on record.



Chuckles



I don't care what the Chinese fortune cookie said, I'm not selling my coin collection.

Success is writing more deposit slips than checks.

Eva Adams, former director of the U. S. Mint was heard to remark at the fall convention of CSNA: "Some people are like tea . . . their strength never comes out until they get in hot water."

The coin shop owner had a sign on his 1903S dollar of \$387.31. "How come you have such an odd figure?" a prospective buyer asked. "Oh," the dealer explained, "I eat between meals."

Overheard at the local bank: "Funny thing about checkbooks; once I've started one, I just can't put it down until I've finished it."

Money isn't everything, but it's nice to have if you've mislaid your credit card.

Daffynition: Credit report . . . an assay on man. (Frank Tyger)

Refinancing . . . debt warmed over. (Shelby Friedman)

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- Nov. 1 - 3, 1974 55th Semi-Annual Convention
San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council, U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego
Catherine Edgerton, General Chairman, 3431 Carleton St., San Diego 92106
Al Baber, Bourse Chairman, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon 92021
- April 25 - 27 56th Semi-Annual Convention
San Francisco Coin Club, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
John Sears, General Chairman, P. O. Box 6028, San Francisco
- Nov. 7 - 9, 1975 57th Semi-Annual Convention
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, Pasadena Hilton
Henri Heller, General Chairman, 5611 N. Cambury, Temple City 91780
- April 23 - 25 58th Semi-Annual Convention
Fresno Numismatic Society, Fresno Hilton, Fresno
Ruth M. Phillips, General Chairman, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno 93727
- Fall 1976 59th Semi-Annual Convention
San Bernardino County Coin Club, Palm Springs Riviera Hotel, Palm Springs

Jim Betton, Bourse Coordinator, P. O. Box 533, Santa Monica, California 90406
To be contacted for bourse application to any CSNA convention.

OTHERS

- July 21 Annual Show
California Exonumist Society, Holiday Inn, 666 Fairway Drive, San Bernardino
Nona Moore, Box 245, Fontana 92335
- August 3 - 4 16th Annual Show
Santa Barbara Coin Club, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 at Las Positas
Robert Barnes, Bourse Chairman, 18 West Figueroa, Santa Barbara 93101
- August 13 - 18 83rd Anniversary Convention
American Numismatic Association, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida
Robert Hendershott, P. O. Box 929, Clearwater, Florida 33517
- August 21 - 24 21st Annual Convention
Canadian Numismatic Association, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- September 7 - 8 Annual Coin-A-Rama
Pomona Valley Coin Club, Box 36, Pomona
Eagle's Hall, 954 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona
- September 12 - 15 13th Annual Coin Show
Northern California Numismatic Association
Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco
- September 13 - 15 3rd Annual Seminar
CSNA, OIN, COIN, NASC (Joint sponsorship)
Kellogg West Center for Continuing Education
Cal-State Polytechnic University at Pomona
- September 28 - 29 16th Annual Coin-A-Rama
West Valley Coin Club, Sportsman Lodge, 12833 Ventura, Studio City
Ruth Vickrey, Publicity Chairman, Box 221, Tarzana, 91356
- October 5 - 6 6th Annual Coin Show
Numismatic Council of Orange County, Quality Inn, 616 Convention Way, Anaheim
C. B. Weatherly, Bourse Chairman, P. O. Box 2070, Laguna Hills 92653
- October 12 - 13 Coin Show
West Coast Numismatic Association, San Jose Civic Auditorium, San Carlos St.,
San Jose
Eugene Dyer, Bourse Chairman, P. O. Box 1814, Los Gatos 95030